

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Schneider et al.
App. No	: 10/549,651
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For	: BRACING ARRANGEMENT WITH OVERLOAD PROTECTION
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 19, 2009 and in connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application. Changes to the pending claims have been identified with underlining to make insertions and by strikethrough or brackets to indicate deletions.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.